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Brutus is nearly 3-years old; we adopted him in January. Although he appears very healthy, not undernourished nor underweight, he just about refuses to eat. Very rarely, and then if we hand feed him, will he eat, but not a big quantity.

About the only thing he truly seems to enjoy is the Purina "Beggin' Strips" with **bacon** flavor, and will nibble at the cat's dry food. We have tried every brand marketed, both dry food and canned food; have enough to supply an animal shelter (which is where is always goes.)

When the Vet last saw him a couple months ago, said he is fine and the usual "When he's hungry, he'll eat!" But, I'd think he'd certainly be hungry by now.

Anyone else share this problem and/or have advice?

Thanks -

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<p>Bacon Treats for the Pampered Pooch Feb 04 '01</p> <p>Author's Product Rating ★★★★★</p> <p>Pros Resealable Bag; Dogs Love Them</p> <p>Cons Smell; A Little More Pricey than Other Dog Treats</p> <p>The Bottom Line Beggin Strips may not be real bacon, and they might be a little more costly than other treats, but I can almost guarantee your dog will love them!</p> <p>Full Review</p> <p>Beggin' Strips are a product of the Ralston Purina Company, the best-known pet food manufacturer in the world. Purina makes mostly regular dog food, but they have a few treats in the lineup as well. One of the treats they make are Beggin' Strips. These treats are made to resemble a piece of bacon and most any dog will love them.</p> <p>What are Beggin' Strips Like?:</p>	<p>Epinions.com ID: Bryan_Carey</p> <p>ADVISOR in Restaurants & Gourmet</p> <p>TOP REVIEWER in Online Stores & Services, Personal Finance, Restaurants & Gourmet, Books</p> <p>Member: Bryan Carey Location: Kettering, Ohio Reviews written: 961 Trusted by: 1083 members</p> <p>Beer Drinker and Libertarian Political Activist. Great Combination, eh?</p> <p>View all reviews by Bryan_Carey View Bryan_Carey's</p>

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These treats are about 4 inches in length, and they are shaped like a strip of bacon. Purina made sure to make the treats look as close to the real thing as possible. The treats are not flat, they have ripples in them, just like a real piece of bacon. They also have lighter-colored stripes, mixed in with darker colored ones, to make it look like the fatty area on a bacon strip.

These treats do smell like bacon, just like they claim, but they have a distinctly dog-food pungency to them also. Trust me, you can easily distinguish the smell from real bacon. The odor is quite strong.

With the 4-inch size, these treats are good for medium and larger size breeds. They have a little chewiness to them, so they will take at least a little bit of time for your dog to finish eating them, even if you have a larger breed. If you have a small dog, you should consider breaking them in half, which will double the number of treats. For a smaller breed, a 2-inch size treat should be fine.

Beggin' Strips cost about \$3.00 for a 6 oz. bag. This is a little higher than other dog treats. Also, the plastic bag has a resealable strip at the top, to ensure that the treats stay fresh. And they come in four different flavors: Bacon, Cheese and Bacon, Turkey and Bacon, and Beef and Bacon.

Nutritional Value:

The nutritional breakdown of Original bacon Beggin' Strips is as follows:

Crude Protein: 15%
Crude Fat(Min): 4%
Crude Fat(Max): 7%
Crude Fiber : 3.5%
Moisture: 24%

The ingredients list includes ground wheat, corn gluten meal, wheat flour, ground yellow corn, water, sugar, glycerin, meat, hydrogenated starch hydrolysate, soybean meal, bacon fat preserved with BHA, salt, sorbic acid, artificial smoke flavor, calcium propionate, glyceryl monostearate, phosphoric acid, choline chloride, and added coloring (red 40, yellow 5, blue 1, yellow 6).

Final Thoughts

These treats are one of my dogs favorites. He will perform all sorts of tricks to get his paws on a beggin' strip. Since these treats are soft, they should be used sparingly. They don't help clean your dogs teeth, or anything like that. They should only be given as an occasional treat or reward for good behavior.

Dogs love to eat. I don't think anyone would argue with that statement. They like most anything edible, including things that are not necessarily good for them. Beggin' Strips are a good treat to give your dog. They are a fairly good nutritional value (as far as treats go) and many dogs go bonkers over the taste! I can't make any promises, but judging by my dogs reaction, I can almost assure you that your dog will love these treats. Give your pooch a bacon Beggin' strip, and see for yourself!

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